David Mead - Comment regarding SB 1013

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To: House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee clerk, David Mead

Mr. Meed

I would like to submit a comment regarding SB 1013 for consideration in the decision whether to open a moose hunting season in Michigan. I am opposed to the opening of such a season in this state. There have been considerable efforts made to protect and reintroduce moose into Michigan and their recovery in the state over recent decades has been a true success story. Even with these actions taken, the population still only totals 500-600 for the entire state, a number that hardly warrants hunting; in fact, opening a hunting season for moose could devastate the population and be detrimental to the long term survival of the species! It is paramount that we manage our wildlife properly which entails protecting those species that need it, not catering to a dwindling population of hunters. We must continue to ensure the survival of these animals. Please make sure that we continue to protect these animals by not opening a hunting season so that future generations can enjoy them.

Regards,

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